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PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Frank Eidam
For : LOCKING RING
Serial No. : 10/699,902
Filing Date : November 3, 2003
Group Art Unit : 3677
Examiner : James R. Brittain
Our Docket. : BGEE 2 00025

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 28, 2006

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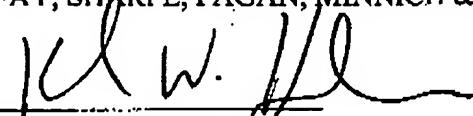
Dear Sir:

In reply to the Response to Amendment mailed April 28, 2006, Applicant provides the following.

Applicant asserts that new claims 64-69 are all readable on the elected species A of group 1. Applicant further asserts that new claims 64-69 are generic and/or linking claims and are also readable on species B of group 1.

Respectfully submitted,
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